

House Resolution No. 3137

Whereas, the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) is the national association representing the interests of the more than 350,000 small business professional truckers from all fifty states and Canada; and

Whereas, small business truckers, or companies that operate six or fewer trucks, comprise approximately eighty percent of the motor carrier industry; and

Whereas, OOIDA is actively involved in the legislative process at both the federal and state levels, participates in virtually every significant rule-making process affecting owner-operators, and testifies at all major hearings on trucking issues; and

Whereas, in representing small business truckers, OOIDA maintains an interest in a broad spectrum of issues such as taxes and health insurance that affect truckers as well as the small business owner; and

Whereas, OOIDA publishes Land Line Magazine, a trade publication that distributes more than 200,000 copies per issue and is dedicated to keeping professional truckers informed on current legislation, trucking regulations, new products and services, and common interests; and

Whereas, founded in 1973, OOIDA is headquartered in Grain Valley, Missouri, and currently employs more than 220 full-time staff; and

Whereas, all of OOIDA's officers, as well as its twenty-one-member Board of Directors, are current or former professional truck drivers who are elected from the organization's 95,000 plus members:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the dedicated members and leaders of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association as they dedicate June 2003 National Truck Safety Month to promote highway safety awareness and encourage safe practices and compliance with all state and federal regulations; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during National Truck Safety Month.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3137, adopted June 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker